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1. At 5 p.m., a train carrying 18 x 152-mm field howitzers, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 jeeps, 80 trucks and prime movers and 8 field kitchens arrived at the Bernau railroad station coming from Eberswalde.

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Numerous officers and personnel were noticed after they had detrained. The troops moved to the army clothing Depot I on Weissenseer Strasse. Another train coming from the direction of Oberswalde and carrying 6 x 152-mm field howitzers, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 20 to 25 sidecar motorcycles and 60 to 80 trucks and several civilian sedans arrived at 5 a.m. on 24 October.

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Most of the troops later moved to army clothing Depot I, and a small number of the trucks went to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Schoenower Strasse. At noon on the same day, the yard of army clothing Depot I was crowded with motor vehicles. The street in front of the installation was partly blocked by parked vehicles which entered the installation individually. Most of the vehicles were loaded with billeting equipment of every description including desks, book cases, arm chairs and rugs. A large number of vehicles shuttled between Luftnachrichten Kaserne and the clothing depot. On 7 November, 24 guns and 12 prime movers in the new garages which had been built south of the army Depot I. One hundred and forty-three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia who were armed either with sub-machine guns or carbines and light machine guns and included one unarmed platoon entered the army clothing depot through the main gate.

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On 16 November, 18 x 152-mm field howitzers and 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and personnel wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineering insignia were seen at army clothing

Depot I. Trucks

hauled coal to the installation.

the troops quartered in army clothing Depot I would march to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne for training. On 12 November,

160 officers and 160 wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, without arms and 2 officers and 30 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with 4 bazookas. On 16 November, about 10 officers and 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia entered the installation, coming from the direction of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. They were armed with sub-machine guns, carbines and light machine guns and included one platoon which carried a disassembled weapon resembling a bazooka.

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2. On 19 October, the wooden sheds at the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Schoenower Strasse sheltered 20 medium AT guns and 6 trucks. 31 medium AT guns and other trucks were parked in the open beside the sheds. Fifteen armored reconnaissance cars stood near a garage. All quarters and garages were being reconditioned until 7 November. Numerous trucks and AT guns were seen in the installation on 12 and 16 November.

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individual groups of officers and NCOs carrying baggage daily left Bernau on regular trains until 7 November. Other groups which also carried baggage were seen arriving at the station. In early November, the population was alarmed by numerous cases of burglary at the town edge and incidents at inns both apparently committed by Soviet soldiers.<sup>2</sup>

3. On 8 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Schoenower Strasse was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with black-bordered black epaulets. About 1,800 soldiers were lined up in the barracks yard on 7 November. They were addressed by a colonel. On 8 November, they again lined up in this order and, at 10:30 a.m., marched to the Soviet cemetery for the deposition of a wreath. An artillery colonel, a lieutenant colonel and 15 officers marched ahead of the troops and they were followed by a 50-man band and 2 groups totalling 360 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. This first column was followed after a while by another column led by a tank colonel and consisting of 13 groups totalling 520 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. This column was immediately followed by a lieutenant colonel and 12 groups totalling 480 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia including some with motor transport insignia. Then followed at greater intervals a tank lieutenant colonel and 6 groups totalling 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 2 field grade officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and 4 groups totalling 175 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. several NCOs with black-bordered crimson epaulets with each unit. A colonel with artillery insignia, who, on 7 November, had made the speech of the day, and a colonel with tank insignia and a lieutenant colonel deposited wreathes. These three officers left after the ceremony. Four 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks and 12 81B-3 76.2-mm field guns were seen at the installation on the same day. Motor vehicles entering and leaving the installation

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5. On 7 November, 2 field grade officers and 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia marched to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne from the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse.<sup>3</sup>

6. On 7 November, a lieutenant colonel, a major and 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia organized into 4 groups of 40 and 1 group of 10 soldiers carrying 2 furled flags, marched to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne from the SG-Brieftaubenstation in Eutenfeld. On 8 November, the same unit marched to the Soviet cemetery carrying five wreaths.<sup>4</sup>

7. From 1 to 10 November, 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 2 x 100-mm AT guns with 8 trucks were seen at army clothing Depot I. Service of the piece drill was occasionally performed on two guns. Trucks

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were being maintained. Colonel Khlopov (fnu) and Colonel Alekasin or Alekseyev (fnu), who was commanding officer of the unit, were billeted in one building. Kitchen and mess of the Unit Merkin were established in an annex of one building. A garage was established for the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Zakrevnov (phonetic spelling). Nations for the unit of supply officer Lieutenant Colonel Kirillov (phonetic spelling) (fnu) was stored in the basement of another building.<sup>1</sup>

8. the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Petrov was quartered in the installation Am Angergang.<sup>5</sup>

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9. Colonel Kelyagin was chief of the office in Bernau. Colonel Zalitsov (fnu) served with the division headquarters and was believed to hold a staff assignment.

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1. Comment. Numerous reports indicated that the units of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?) had moved to the army clothing Depot I in Bernau from 22 to 24 October 1952 coming from Templin.

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Consistent with the T/E of the Brigade, these units were equipped with medium 76.2-mm AT guns and heavy 100-mm AT guns. The 122-mm and 152-mm howitzers which were unloaded with motor vehicles of the brigade cannot be accounted for.

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When inspecting the installation in mid-September 1952, Colonel Khlopov (fnu), who is believed to be the supply officer of the afore mentioned brigade, had demanded that a fence be built to

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separate another unidentified unit which was not mentioned

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As there is close contact between the clothing depot and the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, there is some reason for believing that the 676th How Arty Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div may be concerned. This regiment moved to the army clothing depot from Ternlin in order to obtain quarters.

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A report in mid-October, on the other hand, tended to indicate units of the afore mentioned brigade at the Luftnachrichten Kaserne which would account for the traffic to this installation.

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2. Comment. The present information indicates no changes in occupation of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne since the last report. It is again noteworthy that there was a large number of AA guns, part of which were parked in the open.

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The line up observed on 8 November, definitely included the 33d Gds Sig Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which is thus confirmed until that date.

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3. Comment. The restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse was previously believed to house officers' apartments and officers of the rear services of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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4. Comment. The unidentified 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div was previously confirmed as stationed at SS-Brieftaubenstation until mid-October 1952.

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5. Comment. According to previous information the installation on Am Angerang probably houses a motor vehicle repair shop of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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